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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR ENDING

31st. DECEMBER. 1960.



MELTON AND BELVOIR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L   R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL   OFFICER   OF   HEALTH

1960

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present herewith my twentysecond Annual Report dealing with matters within my responsibility regarding Public Health and preventive medicine:-

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres) .....	113,025
Registrar General's estimate of population.....	18,600
Number of inhabited houses.....	5,911
Rateable value.....	£ 190,851
Estimated sum represented by a penny rate.....	£        750.0.0d.

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Births - Legitimate	127	140	267
Illegitimate	3	3	6
	<u>130</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>273</u>
Still Births - Legitimate	3	-	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>Rate for</u> <u>District</u>	<u>Rate for</u> <u>England &amp; Wales</u>	
Birth Rate.....	15.5	17.1	
Death Rate.....	10.2	11.5	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births.....	14.6	21.7	

The main causes of death are as usual diseases of the heart and arteries which occur amongst people of advanced years.

There were four deaths of infants under one year of age.



<u>CAUSES OF DEATH</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Tuberculosis Respiratory	-	1
Tuberculosis Other	-	-
Syphilitic Disease	1	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Measles	-	-
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	-	4
Malignant Neoplasm Lung Bronchus	8	-
Malignant Neoplasm Breast	-	4
Malignant Neoplasm Uterus	-	3
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	9	10
Leukaemia	1	1
Diabetes	1	2
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	15	12
Coronary Disease, Angina	24	11
Hypertension with Heart Disease	2	1
Other Heart Disease	17	16
Other Circulatory Disease	9	2
Influenza	-	1
Pneumonia	3	4
Bronchitis	3	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	1
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum	-	-
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-
Pregnancy Childbirth Abortion	-	-
Congenital Malformations	-	1
Other defined and Ill-defined Diseases	5	7
Motor vehicle accidents	3	1
All other accidents	3	2
Suicide	-	-
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	106	87
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Total ..... 193

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

J. Young. M.B. Ch.B. D.P.H. (Camb)

Medical Officer of Health for the Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

J.P. Milburn. M.R.S.H. M.A.P.H.I.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

(Cert. of R.S.I. and S.I. Joint Examination Board)

G. Bower. M.A.P.H.I.

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector

(Cert. of R.S.I. and S.I. Joint Examination Board)

(Cert. R.S.I. for Inspector of Meat & Other Foods)

B.F. Hitchcock. A.R.S.H. M.A.P.H.I.(Resigned June, 1960)

Additional Public Health Inspector.

(Cert. of R.S.H. and P.H.I. Joint Examination Board)

M. Jones. M.A.P.H.I. (Appointed 12th September, 1960)

Additional Public Health Inspector.

(Cert. of R.S.H. and P.H.I. Joint Examination Board)



## LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following examinations have been carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester:-

Nose and Throat Swabs.....	21
Faeces & Urines.....	13
Bloods.....	4
Sputa.....	32
Milks.....	50
Waters.....	43
Ice Creams.....	39
Food.....	1
Miscellaneous.....	2
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	205
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## PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

### Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1960


<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	22	-	-
Measles	16	-	-
Pneumonia	4	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	-
Infectious Encephalitis	2	2	-
Erysipelas	2	-	-
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	48	4	-
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There was no serious epidemic during the year. Again I am pleased to report that there was no case of Diphtheria. Particulars of the immunization work carried out in the District are given at the end of the report.

Vaccination against Poliomyelitis is proceeding steadily with satisfactory results.

### AGE GROUPS

	Under 1	1 3	3 5	5 10	10 15	15 25	25 35	35 45	45 65	65	Total
	1	3	5	10	15	25	35	45	65		
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	-	4	9	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	22
Measles	-	3	3	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	16
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Infectious Encephalitis	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2



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T U B E R C U L O S I S

Age Group	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### WATER

Number of samples taken for analysis:-

(a) from wells.....	12
(b) from piped supply.....	54

Results of samples taken :-

From wells - Satisfactory.....	3
Unsatisfactory.....	9
From piped supply - Satisfactory.....	54
Unsatisfactory.....	Nil

Number of wells:-

(a) closed.....	Nil
(b) Cleansed.....	Nil

Number of cases in which piped supply was substituted for well water..... 291

Number of Parishes without a piped water supply..... Nil

Number of houses now on piped supply..... 5493

Number of Parishes and part Parishes with piped water supply:-

(a) from public mains - 23 parishes and 2 part.
(b) from private reservoirs..... 2 part.

### Existing Water Supplies

There is a piped water supply to the whole of 25 parishes, but in 2 parishes part only is provided.

Stand pipes are not provided, the services being laid to consumer's premises.

There is no indication of any tendency to Plumbo Solvency in the piped supplies.

During the year schemes to connect supplies to the major part of the District from the River Dove were completed. There were no shortages, and Hosepipes were not banned as in previous years.

### Drainage and Sewerage

During the year the Ministry approved tenders for the construction of Sewers and Sewage Disposal Works at Wymondham and Bottesford, the total cost of these schemes amounts to approximately £164,000.

The Wymondham Scheme commenced in April and is due for completion by September, 1961.

The Bottesford Scheme commenced in July and is due for completion by July, 1962.

The Ministry held a local investigation into a scheme for Sewers and Sewage Disposal Works at Harby and Hose and whilst the Minister accepted the need for a scheme to serve these 2 villages, it was necessary in view of the Council's policy to admit Farm Wastes to the System, to re-design the Sewage Disposal Works.



## Drainage and Sewerage - continued

Schemes to serve Asfordby, Frisby, Kirby Bellars and Saxelby, also Redmile, Barkestone and Plungar are under consideration and it is anticipated that "Local Investigations" will be made next year.

The Council has considered Schemes to serve other villages, and as soon as financial considerations permit these will be submitted to the Ministry for approval.

## Closet Accommodation

Total number in the District at the end of 1960 :-

(a)	Privies.....	235
(b)	Pail Closets.....	1984
(c)	Water Closets.....	3899

## Public Cleansing

During the year your Surveyor has re-organised the Public Cleansing Service and introduced a "Set Work" system which has improved the collection. Household refuse is now collected every 7 working days except at Asfordby where the collection is made fortnightly. A scheme to collect refuse from Asfordby every 7 working days is under consideration.

Nightsoil is collected weekly from 58 villages and 3 part villages. In the remaining 4 villages and 3 part villages no collection is made because these have a mains water supply and an efficient Sewage Disposal Works available.

A fleet of modern vehicles is maintained comprising :-

- 2 - S.D. 16/18 cu.yd. Refuse Collectors, with Fore and Aft Tipping Bodies
- 2 - S.D. Combined Nightsoil and Cesspool emptiers.  
800 - gall. capacity. (Both purchased during the Year).
- 1 - S.D. Refuse Collector for Salvage Work.

Household refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping and no difficulty has been experienced. The levelling is carried out by means of a blade etc., attached to a tractor. The system has been found satisfactory.

The disposal of nightsoil is to farms, when it is ploughed into the land as manure. There is at present no difficulty in disposal, and in view of the amount of ploughed land it is not anticipated that this will create a problem for the next year or two.

The present system of conversion is by voluntary methods and has resulted in the conversion of 310 pail closets and privies to water closets during the year.

The scheme which the Council operates for the payment of a grant towards the voluntary conversion of pail closets to water closets appears to be operating very well.

The Council is continuing to empty house cesspools on request from the occupiers at a standard charge of 10/- per dwelling. Cesspools at Trade premises are emptied at a charge of 10/- per hour. There is, however, no collection of the contents of privy middens within the area.



## SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this Heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this report:-

Total number of complaints received..... 33  
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered... 35

	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Re-visits</u>
Animal Keeping.....	12	5
Bakehouses.....	6	2
Dairies etc.....	7	7
Drainage Works.....	496	193
Dwelling Houses..... (all purposes)	260	98
Food premises.....	55	16
Rats and mice destruction.....	302	709
Refuse collection and disposal...	98	44
Shops.....	33	4
Schools.....	6	2
Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.....	9	6
Verminous premises.....	Nil	Nil
Water supplies.....	32	8
Workshops etc.....	9	4
Other inspections.....	401	215
Slaughterhouses..... (during killing period)	1105	5
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	2831	1318
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### Notices

	<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding on 1st January.	9		Nil
Issued during the year.	3		8
Complied with during the year.	12		8
Statutory action necessary.	24		Nil
Outstanding on 31st December.	Nil		Nil

### Statutory

Outstanding on 1st January.	9	Nil
Issued during the year.	24	Nil
Complied with during the year.	11	Nil
Outstanding on 31st December.	23	Nil

### Shops

Action taken during the year under the provision of the Shops Act, 1950:-

	<u>Outstanding from previous year</u>	<u>Defects found</u>	<u>Defects remedied</u>	<u>Outstanding 31st.Dec:</u>
Sanitary conveniences.	Nil	3	3	Nil
Temperature.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ventilation.	Nil	1	1	Nil

### Regulated Buildings

Common Lodging Houses. There are no Common Lodging Houses in the area.



## Regulated Buildings - continued

During the year the new Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act came into being but no licences under this Act were issued by reason of time lag in awaiting Planning Approval before site licences could be issued by the Local Authority.

I hope that when the Act is implemented it will result in better conditions for caravan dwellers and the recommendations adopted by the Council will be carried out and appreciated.

Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc. - There are 12 vans in the district and 11 inspections were made.

These Vans are kept in a reasonably clean condition, several of them being occupied by very good families who are forced by the present housing shortage to take this means of accommodation.

### H O U S I N G

#### Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year

1.	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).....	171
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	358
2.	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932.....	Nil
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	Nil
3.		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.....	24
4.		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respect reasonably fit for human habitation.....	7
5.		Number of Demolition Orders made.....	22

#### Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notice

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.....	7
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#### Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding

1.	(a)	Number of dwelling houses overcrowded at the end of the year.....	42
	(b)	Number of families dwelling therein.....	51
	(c)	Number of persons dwelling therein.....	229
2.		Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year.....	3
3.		Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.....	29
4.		Number of persons concerned in such cases...	118



By the end of the year 282 dwellings had been dealt with under the Housing Acts in pursuance of the Council's Five Year Slum Clearance programme which on the 1st of November 1955, stood at 302 houses to be demolished; a figure which might be found to have been overstated.

Some delay was experienced in obtaining Ministerial approval for rebuilding and in the purchase of suitable sites, but towards the middle of the year work forged ahead and it is hoped that in the near future all the families living in condemned houses will very soon be rehoused and the slum clearance programme completed.

#### Provision of New Houses during the year

Forty-nine new houses were completed and occupied at the end of 1960. Twelve of these were erected by the Council, thirty-seven by private enterprise. There were about 231 applicants on the Council Housing List at the end of the year and 71 new applications were received during 1960.

#### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

##### Milk Supply

##### Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk other than Cowkeepers

Number on the Register.	20
Number of inspections of premises.	69
Number of contraventions outstanding from previous year.	Nil
Number of contraventions found during the year.	Nil
Number of contraventions remedied during the year.	Nil
Number of contraventions outstanding on 31st December.	Nil

##### Milk Sampling

Sixty-four samples of milk were taken during the year, sixty-three of which passed the statutory Bacteriological Test. One sample of sterilised milk failed to satisfy the turbidity test.

The following licences have been issued during the year:-

##### Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations 1949

Dealer - 6 Pasteurised and 2 Sterilised.

Supplementary - 5 Pasteurised and 4 Sterilised.

##### Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations 1949

Dealers - 2

Supplementary - Nil.



Meat and other Foods

Private Slaughterhouses :-

Number in district in which slaughtering  
is carried on..... 9

Number of visits..... 1110

There are no knacker yards in the District.

Places where Food (other than Meat) are kept or  
prepared for sale

Number of inspections..... 67

Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection

During the year the Council arranged a meeting with all the butchers within the Rural District and explained the new Slaughterhouses Act and the Slaughterhouse Hygiene Regulations etc., and the result was that three slaughterhouse owners submitted proposals for altering their premises in order to comply with the regulations. These were accepted and embodied in the Council's report to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Meanwhile slaughtering continues in the present slaughterhouses until the Minister declares the "Appointed Day" for this area.

The number of cattle, sheep and pigs slaughtered in the area are shown in appendix A and B.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

Section 47. Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

Investigations were carried out into a few cases, and arrangements were made for voluntary removal. No formal action was necessary.

I have the honour to be  
Your obedient Servant,

JOHN YOUNG.

Medical Officer of Health.

Warwick Lodge,  
Dalby Road,  
Melton Mowbray.



LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1946

Section 26 - Diphtheria Immunisation

Number of children who were immunised during the period -  
1st January - 31st December, 1960

Age at 31.12.60 (Born in year)	Primary Immunisation	Booster Dose
Under 1 1960	78	-
1 1959	121	-
2 1958	13	-
3 1957	5	-
4 1956	4	33
5 1955	5	96
6 1954	1	18
7 1953	7	7
8 1952	8	3
9 1951	1	-
10 1950	1	-
11 1949	3	1
12 1948	1	1
13 1947	1	-
14 1946	2	2



Appendix ACarcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned  
in whole or in part

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number Killed	744	Nil	Nil	1428	623	2795
Number Inspected	744	Nil	Nil	1428	623	2795
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci, Whole carcases condemned.	1	Nil	Nil	1	4	6
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	127	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	128
Percentage of No. inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	17.20%	Nil	Nil	0.07%	0.80%	-
Tuberculosis only whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	3	4
Percentage of No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	0.13%	Nil	Nil	Nil	0.48%	-
Cysticercosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil



Appendix B

Meat Condemned for Tuberculosis in Bovines

One Forequarter.....	63 lbs.
Total weight of meat condemned other than Tuberculosis.....	3075 lbs.
Total weight of meat condemned for Tuberculosis.....	108 lbs.

Total weight of meat condemned :-

Tons.	Cwts.	Qtrs.	Lbs.
1	8	1	19



# APPENDIX

## Factories Acts, 1937 to 1959

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration  
of the Factories Act, 1937.

### PART I OF THE ACT

- 1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	No. on Regi- ster. (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions. (3)	Written Notices. (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted. (5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	73	29	4	Nil
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec- tion 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	100	25	1	Nil
(3) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- worker's Premises)	26	5	Nil	Nil
Total	199	59	5	Nil

- 2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found :-

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of Cases in which prose- cutions were insti- tuted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspec- tor. (4)	By H.M. Inspec- tor. (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	-	-	Nil
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) insufficient.....	3	3	-	-	Nil
Total	5	5	-	-	Nil



PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 110 and 111)

Section 110				Section 111		
Nature of Work  (1)	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c) (2)	No. of Cases of default in send- ing lists to the Council (3)	No. of Prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prose- cutions (7)
Wearing apparel  Making etc.	15	-	-	-	-	-
Total	15	-	-	-	-	-





